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PROPOSALS

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1. IN ABSENCE OF OTHER GOJ LOS OFFICIALS, PRESENTATION ON BASIS OF POINTS CONTAINED REF B WAS MADE TO MOFA ACTING LOS OFFDIR DOMICHI. WHILE NOTING THAT GOJ APPRECIATED U.S. CONGRESSIONAL OBJECTIONS TO EXISTING POLLUTION ARTICLES IN ICNT TEXT, DOMICHI NEVERTHELESS REITERATED STRONG JAPANESE CONFIDENTIAL

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CONCERN. ALREADY WELL KNOWN TO U.S. LOS DELEGATION, THAT PROPOSED U.S. AMENDMENTS MIGHT SOMEHOW "DEVALUE THE CONCEPT OF INNOCENT PASSAGE." HE CONSEQUENTLY HOPED THAT SOME FORM OF COMPROMISE LANGUAGE COULD BE WORKED OUT IN GENEVA WHICH WOULD MEET THE INTERESTS OF BOTH THE U.S. AND OTHER G-5 COUNTRIES.

2. COMMENT: GIVEN DYNAMICS OF JAPANESE FOREIGN POLICY BUREAUCRACY IN DEALING WITH SUCH QUESTIONS, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT PRESENT JAPANESE POSITION, BASED ON THE VIEWS AND RESERVATIONS OF THEIR LOS AND LEGAL SPECIALISTS, WOULD BE OVERRIDDEN BY SENIOR MOFA OFFICIALS UNLESS CONVINCED BY STRONG POLITICAL, AS OPPOSED TO LEGAL OR TECHNICAL ARGU-MENTS. TO BE AT ALL EFFECTIVE, ANY SUCH PRESENTATION WOULD REQUIRE MUCH MORE DETAILED READ-OUT ON STRENGTH AND DEPTH OF CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES ON LOS POLLUTION TEXT THAN IS AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY. WHILE WE ASSUME THAT THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN FOLLOWING CONGRESSIONAL STATE OF PLAY ON THIS ISSUE, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR DEPARTMENT TO BRIEF THEM IN GREATER DETAIL. ADDITIONAL FACTOR IN ANY JAPANESE DECISION WILL PROBABLY ALSO BE DEGREE TO WHICH UK MODIFIED ITS OPPOSITION TO US PROPOSED AMENDMENTS. MANSFIELD

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